

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 7, 2019

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 300 South R Street. Please don't forget to submit a nomination for yards that deserve recognition.

Travel Lane County Industry Celebration

Travel Lane County – Eugene, Cascades & Coast held their annual Industry Celebration on Wednesday, June 5th. Cottage Grove was well represented and recognized at the celebration. Nadine Kelley was recognized as a 2019 Tourism Ambassador, Mike Ripley from Mudslinger Events who conducts the Gran Fondo and the Cottage Grove Half Marathon in Cottage Grove received the 2019 Sports Leadership Award and Richard Meyers, was recognized with the 2019 Community Leadership Award at the celebration.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, June 10, 2019 from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Mayor's Bike Ride

On Saturday, June 15th be sure to join Mayor Jeff Gowing for the annual Mayor's Bike Ride. The short 3 mile ride to Mosby Creek Trailhead from Trailhead Park at 10th and Main will start at 10:00 am (6 mile round-trip). There will be treats at Mosby Creek for riders before they start back to town. The ride is suitable for all riders.

Code Audit Committee Openings

The Public Works & Development Department is currently seeking three volunteers to participate in a Development Code Audit Committee. The Committee will work with planning staff to review Title 14 Development Code sections related to housing, to implement the recommendations of the recently adopted Housing Needs Analysis. The Committee will meet through the summer-fall of 2019. Interested parties should submit a Volunteer Application Form to Public Works & Development Department by June 20. For more information, please contact City Planner Amanda Ferguson at (541) 942-3340 or planner@cottagegrove.org.

May 2019 Building Inspection Services Report

For the month of May the Building Division of the Public Works & Development Department issued 49 permits, one for a new home and performed 147 inspections in Cottage Grove. In Creswell 15 permits were issued, one for a new home, and performed 46 inspections. In Veneta, 11 permits were issued, two for new homes and performed 61 inspections. Staff reviewed and

approved 12 plan sets in May and an additional 16 plan sets are in review or on hold for additional information from the applicants.

New Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

Thursday Tim Ogden started working at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Tim worked for the City at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for approximately eight months as he completed the training through Lane Community College. Welcome Tim and we look forward to him joining the Wastewater Treatment Plant team.

OEDA Conference

The Oregon Economic Development Association (OEDA) held its Summer Conference this year in Cottage Grove at the Village Green. The conference started Wednesday and ended Friday. The conference covered topics regarding building in Oregon. The Public Works & Development Director presented on two topics. The first was Key Customer Service Elements focusing on the City's new building services program and the importance of good customer service and the second topic was when it goes right focusing on PakTech locating in Cottage Grove. There were approximately 50 people present for the presentations.

Wood Chips

Lane Forest Products completed grinding the storm debris pile today. The wood chips are available for free to anyone on a first come basis. Individuals are responsible to load and haul the chips to their location of use. The wood chip pile is located at the end of N. 12th Street behind Dari-Mart. There is also a pile of firewood chunks that are free to take.

Congratulation Melany

Melany Klemmer, Building Permit Specialist, completed the State Building Codes Division's Residential Structural and Mechanical Certification Course. On Wednesday she took and passed the final exam for the course. Melany is now certified to do residential plan review and inspections for residential structural and mechanical permits. Congratulations and great job passing a very difficult course.

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off

The Cottage Grove Library on Wednesday, June 19th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm will hold the 2019 Summer Reading Kick-Off Event. This year the theme is a "Universe of Stories" and this event will launch a summer filled with reading and story culture from around the world. There will be "goodie" bags and free ice cream courtesy of Umpqua Bank.

Library Summer Adventure Sign-Ups Happening Now

Now is the time for families to sign up their children ages 3 to 17 for the Cottage Grove Public Library "nature inspired" "STEAM" Friday field trips for kids. These trips are fun and educational (STEAM= Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) and take us out into the magnificent landscapes and habitat systems of Western Oregon. Kids will have a chance to hike, bike, sandboard, swim, kayak, stand-up paddleboard, whitewater raft and more. Trips are each Friday through the summer and begin in June when school is out. Parent chaperones are welcome on each trip too.

New Audio Books

The Cottage Grove Library recently received a very generous donation of over 160 audio books. These are now available to be taken home to enjoy an audio book experience.

Opal Whiteley Display Case Fundraiser Happening Now

The Cottage Grove Library and the Friends of the Library are currently fundraising to raise the needed funds to purchase a museum quality display case for our Opal Whiteley collection. With this new display case we will be able to display and present our amazing collection of Opal Whiteley books, letters and related items in a secure and safe manner. So far just over \$3,500 has been raised toward the goal of \$6,000. We welcome our patrons, friends and all members of our community to join in this effort as we bring this fundraiser to completion. Stop by the Cottage Grove Library to talk with library staff and to make a donation.

Quote of the Week

“Confidence is about believing in your capabilities and not paying attention to other people’s opinion.”

~Robin Forest~